

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

Wood et al.

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SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATES THAT  
EMPLOY SUPPORT STRUCTURES  
FORMED ON THE SUBSTRATES  
(Amended)

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 3 of this paper;

**A listing of the claims** begins on page 5 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 8 of this paper.